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George Runner Reflects on 9/11 Terror Attacks

George Runner today issued the following statement in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terror attacks:

"As we remember the immense loss we suffered in the early hours of September 11, 2001, it is fitting to take time to reflect on how these attacks impacted—and continue to impact—our nation.

"Ten years later we are reminded of the selflessness of the American spirit as citizens from every walk of life came together to help one another from the rubble of the collapsed towers and the Pentagon.

"We are reminded of the courageous fortitude of the American soul as passengers aboard Flight 93 sacrificed themselves to avoid even greater loss of life.

"We are reminded what it means to stand united for our freedoms against a common enemy.

"Despite the pain caused by terrorists that fateful morning, we stand as proof that the people of the United States of America will stand united when under attack.

"May we never forget the great courage of firefighters, police officers and other first responders who paid the ultimate sacrifice. May our thoughts and prayers be with the many families who lost loved ones. And may we continue to support our troops who continue to put themselves in harm's way to defend us against future attacks.

"God Bless America."

Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents more than nine million Californians as a member of the State Board of Equalization. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Runner.

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